

Manpower Survey Results in May 2016

- **Total employment increased by 5,000(+0.04%) in May to 11,247,000, and it also increased by 68,000(+0.60%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in the services-providing sector increased by 6,000(+0.09%) in May, however, employment in agriculture and the goods-producing sector remained the same and decreased by 1,000(-0.03%), respectively.

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in agriculture, the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 7,000(+1.29%), 6,000(+0.14%) and 54,000(+0.83%) respectively in May.

Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in May 2016

Unit: persons in thousand

Sex	Civilian Population Aged 15 Years & Over	Labor Force		Employed	Unemployed			Not in the Labor Force
		Persons	Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	Persons	Persons	Unemployment Rate (%)	Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment rate (%)	Persons
Total	19 949	11 695	58.63	11 247	449	3.84	3.96	8 253
Male	9 750	6 529	66.96	6 260	269	4.12	4.19	3 222
Female	10 198	5 167	50.66	4 987	180	3.48	3.66	5 032

- **The unemployment rate decreased by 0.02 percentage points to 3.84 percent in May, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also decreased by 0.01 percentage points to 3.96 percent.**

--Compared with that of the previous year, the unemployment rate and the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.22 and 0.20 percentage points in May, respectively.

--The number of unemployed persons was 449,000 in May, it decreased by 2,000(-0.51%) but increased by 29,000(+6.79%) from the previous month and that of the previous year, respectively.

- **Labor force participation rate was 58.63 percent in May, which remained the same as that of the previous month; it rose by 0.11 percentage points from that of the previous year.**

Table 1. Statistical Brief Based on Manpower Survey Results

Unit: Thousand Persons

Year & month	Civilian population aged 15 years & over	Labor force			Not in labor force	Labor force participation rate (%)	Unemployment rate (%)			
		Total	Employed persons	Unemployed persons			Total	15~24 Years	25~44 Years	45~64 Years
Ave., 2006	18 166	10 522	10 111	411	7 644	57.92	3.91	10.31	3.79	2.31
Ave., 2007	18 392	10 713	10 294	419	7 679	58.25	3.91	10.65	3.86	2.24
Ave., 2008	18 623	10 853	10 403	450	7 770	58.28	4.14	11.81	4.02	2.54
Ave., 2009	18 855	10 917	10 279	639	7 937	57.90	5.85	14.49	5.93	3.90
Ave., 2010	19 062	11 070	10 493	577	7 992	58.07	5.21	13.09	5.35	3.39
Ave., 2011	19 253	11 200	10 709	491	8 053	58.17	4.39	12.47	4.46	2.64
Ave., 2012	19 436	11 341	10 860	481	8 096	58.35	4.24	12.66	4.38	2.31
Ave., 2013	19 587	11 445	10 967	478	8 142	58.43	4.18	13.17	4.27	2.25
Ave., 2014	19 705	11 535	11 079	457	8 170	58.54	3.96	12.63	4.13	2.09
Ave., 2015	19 842	11 638	11 198	440	8 204	58.65	3.78	12.05	3.95	1.99
May	19 823	11 600	11 179	420	8 223	58.52	3.62	11.18	3.85	1.92
June	19 834	11 617	11 185	431	8 218	58.57	3.71	11.75	3.90	1.96
July	19 843	11 656	11 211	445	8 187	58.74	3.82	12.28	3.95	2.02
Aug.	19 856	11 686	11 230	456	8 170	58.85	3.90	12.93	4.03	1.95
Sept.	19 870	11 667	11 213	454	8 202	58.72	3.89	12.69	4.06	1.97
Oct.	19 887	11 680	11 225	455	8 207	58.73	3.90	12.44	4.04	2.07
Nov.	19 903	11 692	11 235	457	8 211	58.74	3.91	12.30	4.04	2.12
Dec.	19 916	11 695	11 242	453	8 221	58.72	3.87	12.11	4.03	2.09
Ave., 2016	19 937	11 694	11 240	454	8 243	58.65	3.88	11.78	4.09	2.14
Jan.	19 927	11 697	11 244	453	8 230	58.70	3.87	11.95	4.06	2.09
Feb.	19 933	11 693	11 231	462	8 239	58.66	3.95	11.89	4.16	2.20
Mar.	19 937	11 692	11 237	455	8 245	58.64	3.89	11.85	4.10	2.13
Apr.	19 943	11 693	11 242	451	8 250	58.63	3.86	11.78	4.08	2.08
May	19 949	11 695	11 247	449	8 253	58.63	3.84	11.42	4.04	2.18
Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month	0.03	0.02	0.04	-0.51	0.04	(0.00)	(-0.02)	(-0.36)	(-0.04)	(0.10)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year	0.63	0.83	0.60	6.79	0.36	(0.11)	(0.22)	(0.24)	(0.19)	(0.26)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year	0.70	0.88	0.66	6.58	0.44	(0.10)	(0.21)	(0.19)	(0.22)	(0.21)

Table 2. Important Indicator Based on Manpower Survey Results, by Year

Year & month	Labor force		Employed persons		Labor force participation rate		Unemployed persons (thousand persons)	Unemployment rate	
	Number of persons (thousand persons)	(%, yoy)	Number of persons (thousand persons)	(%, yoy)	(%)	Seasonally adjusted		(%)	Seasonally adjusted
May, 1987	8 055	3.26	7 898	3.67	60.14	60.84	156	1.94	2.09
May, 1988	8 072	0.22	7 931	0.42	59.11	59.73	141	1.74	1.86
May, 1989	8 343	3.35	8 217	3.60	59.87	60.40	126	1.50	1.62
May, 1990	8 318	-0.29	8 196	-0.26	58.67	59.09	123	1.48	1.59
May, 1991	8 554	2.83	8 432	2.88	59.13	59.47	122	1.43	1.56
May, 1992	8 703	1.74	8 582	1.78	59.10	59.38	122	1.40	1.53
May, 1993	8 816	1.29	8 702	1.41	58.59	58.81	114	1.29	1.42
May, 1994	9 008	2.17	8 879	2.03	58.63	58.83	129	1.43	1.57
May, 1995	9 158	1.67	9 008	1.46	58.51	58.72	149	1.63	1.77
May, 1996	9 268	1.20	9 050	0.46	58.28	58.49	218	2.35	2.49
May, 1997	9 373	1.14	9 138	0.97	58.11	58.32	236	2.51	2.67
May, 1998	9 501	1.36	9 276	1.51	57.84	58.05	225	2.37	2.52
May, 1999	9 621	1.26	9 348	0.78	57.80	58.01	273	2.84	2.98
May, 2000	9 741	1.25	9 470	1.30	57.51	57.72	271	2.78	2.93
May, 2001	9 748	0.08	9 337	-1.40	56.84	57.04	411	4.22	4.35
May, 2002	9 951	2.07	9 451	1.22	57.31	57.48	499	5.02	5.13
May, 2003	10 022	0.72	9 523	0.75	57.13	57.27	499	4.98	5.09
May, 2004	10 214	1.91	9 764	2.53	57.59	57.71	450	4.41	4.49
May, 2005	10 343	1.26	9 918	1.58	57.72	57.82	424	4.10	4.18
May, 2006	10 466	1.20	10 064	1.47	57.72	57.82	402	3.84	3.91
May, 2007	10 673	1.98	10 260	1.95	58.14	58.24	413	3.87	3.95
May, 2008	10 829	1.46	10 413	1.49	58.25	58.36	416	3.84	3.93
May, 2009	10 874	0.42	10 241	-1.65	57.76	57.88	633	5.82	5.92
May, 2010	11 026	1.39	10 459	2.12	57.92	58.05	567	5.14	5.26
May, 2011	11 146	1.09	10 670	2.01	57.97	58.11	476	4.27	4.40
May, 2012	11 300	1.39	10 834	1.54	58.21	58.36	466	4.12	4.25
May, 2013	11 401	0.90	10 939	0.96	58.25	58.40	463	4.06	4.19
May, 2014	11 496	0.82	11 052	1.04	58.39	58.54	443	3.85	4.00
May, 2015	11 600	0.91	11 179	1.15	58.52	58.66	420	3.62	3.76
May, 2016	11 695	0.83	11 247	0.60	58.63	58.76	449	3.84	3.96

Table 3. Comparison of Unemployment Rates in Major Countries, by Year

Unit: %

Year & month	R. O. C.		Hong Kong	Japan	Korea, R. O.	Singapore		United States	Canada	Germany	United Kingdom	France
	Seasonally adjusted					Resident						
Ave. , 2013	4.18	4.18	3.4	4.0	3.1	1.9	2.8	7.4	7.1	5.2	7.6	10.3
Ave. , 2014	3.96	3.96	3.3	3.6	3.5	2.0	2.7	6.2	6.9	5.0	6.2	10.3
Ave. , 2015	3.78	3.78	3.3	3.4	3.6	1.9	2.8	5.3	6.9	4.6	5.3	10.4
Apr.	3.63	3.76	3.2	3.4	3.7	...	...	5.4	6.8	4.7	5.5	10.3
May	3.62	3.76	3.2	3.3	3.8	...	...	5.5	6.8	4.7	5.6	10.4
June	3.71	3.77	3.2	3.4	3.8	1.9	2.8	5.3	6.8	4.7	5.5	10.5
July	3.82	3.76	3.3	3.3	3.7	...	...	5.3	6.8	4.6	5.4	10.5
Aug.	3.90	3.77	3.3	3.4	3.6	...	...	5.1	7.0	4.6	5.3	10.6
Sept.	3.89	3.81	3.3	3.4	3.5	2.0	2.9	5.1	7.1	4.5	5.2	10.5
Oct.	3.90	3.81	3.3	3.2	3.4	...	...	5.0	7.0	4.5	5.0	10.3
Nov.	3.91	3.85	3.3	3.3	3.5	...	...	5.0	7.0	4.4	5.0	10.2
Dec.	3.87	3.88	3.3	3.3	3.5	1.9	2.9	5.0	7.1	4.4	5.0	10.2
Ave. , 2016												
Jan.	3.87	3.91	3.3	3.2	3.5	...	...	4.9	7.2	4.3	5.0	10.1
Feb.	3.95	3.94	3.3	3.3	4.1	...	...	4.9	7.3	4.3	...	10.2
Mar.	3.89	3.92	3.4	3.2	3.8	1.9	2.7	5.0	7.1	4.2	...	10.0
Apr.	3.86	3.97	...	...	...	...	...	5.0	7.1	...	...	...
May	3.84	3.96	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Note: 1. The unemployment rates (UR) of Hong Kong are the moving averages of 3 consecutive months.

2. Seasonally adjusted figures. (R.O.C. contains both not seasonally and seasonally adjusted figures)

3. The unemployment rate marked 3.7% in May, 2016 by Statistics Korea.

4. Sources: figures of R.O.C., Hong Kong and Singapore referred to governmental press releases, others referred to OECD harmonised unemployment rates.